

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-18.
2. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 21 and 30.
3. Rewrite dependent claims 21 and 30 as independent claims.
4. Amend dependent claims 24 – 26 so that claims 24 – 27 are (ultimately) dependent upon independent claim 21.
5. Amend dependent claims 32 – 34 so that claims 32 – 35 are (ultimately) dependent upon independent claim 30.
6. Cancel claims 20, 22-23, 28 – 29, and 31-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

In view of the allowance of claims 1 – 18 and allowability of claims 21 and 30, all claims are now allowable. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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